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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF CIA RECORDING OF OSWALD CONVERSATIONS

1. SUNDAY'S EXCELSIOR REPRINTED NICHOLAS HORROCK'S NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE IN WHICH HORROCK CLAIMED THE CIA HAD RECORDED A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THE HORROCK ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT AFTER OSWALD'S CALL TO THE SOVIET UNION (SIC), THE FBI SUBMITTED BIO DATA ON OSWALD TO THE CIA, THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL, INS, THE NAVY AND THE FBI REPRESENTATIVE IN MEXICO.

2. MONDAY'S EDITION OF THE NEWS (MEXICO CITY) GAVE ADDED COVERAGE TO THE STORY. CITING "REPORTS SUNDAY FROM WASHINGTON" THE NEWS ARTICLE STATED: "THE SOURCE SAID THE CONVERSATIONS WERE RECORDED SEPT 27 AND 28, 1963, IN THE COURSE OF THE CIA'S ROUTINE MONITORING OF PHONE CALLS TO AND FROM THE SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY...." THE TAPES WERE ROUTINELY PROCESSED AND FILED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ACTION UNTIL KENNEDY WAS KILLED, ONE SOURCE SAID, WITH EITHER THE ACTUAL RECORDINGS OR TRANSCRIPTS OF THEM THEN BEING FLOWN TO WASHINGTON."

3. NEWS ARTICLE OBVIOUSLY COULD CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT  
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CIA "ROUTINELY" TAPS TELEPHONES IN MEXICO. EMBASSY WOULD

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